

## **232-12-037**

### **Shooting preserves — Licensing — Permits — Operations.**

A game farm licensed under the provisions of chapter [77.12](#) RCW may function as a private shooting preserve and dispose of game birds produced or acquired by releasing them on the designated preserve for hunting. The permittee must abide by the following rules:

(1) Each person desiring to operate a private shooting preserve must make application to the department on forms supplied by the department.

(2) The department shall investigate the property described in the application and determine the number of wild game birds produced annually on the proposed shooting preserve area.

(3) Private shooting preserves must contain a minimum of one hundred acres to a maximum of one thousand acres in a contiguous block. The land must be owned or leased by the applicant for a minimum of five years, and cannot contain lakes or ponds in excess of two acres of surface water or be within one-half mile of bodies of water in excess of two acres.

(4) Shooting preserves may not be located on land having a projected fall population of wild upland game birds in excess of twenty birds per one hundred acres.

(5) Shooting preserves may not be located within one mile of a public hunting area owned or controlled by the department, except lands controlled by year-to-year agreement.

(6) The boundary of shooting preserves must be posted by the permittee with signs approved by the director in such manner as he may direct.

(7) The permittee shall release not less than one game bird per acre, annually.

(8) Game birds taken from a private shooting preserve must be marked and accompanied by an invoice showing the permittee's name, address, date of sale, number and species sold and the name and address of the hunter. Said invoice shall be retained by the hunter during the time such species are in his possession.

(9) During September or October each year, the permittee must deliver to the department the number of live game birds determined under subsection (2) or pay the department the fair market value for the specified number of game birds sixteen weeks of age. Game birds delivered to the department must be sixteen weeks of age, fully feathered and in sound and healthy condition as determined by the department.